



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Vision without action is a daydream; action without vision is a nightmare!" ~ Japanese Proverb

Oct. 14, 2015

Trick or Treat Trail – Oct. 24 (training Oct. 23)

During the Trick or Treat Trail, from 12-5 p.m. at RCA Park on Oct. 24, the wooded trail comes to life with characters and stories. Over 20 volunteers will step into the magical world of fairy tale and cartoon land to bring characters to life. The Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department provides the costumes and story line; volunteers provide the enthusiasm and creativity. Volunteers must attend a training, either from 10-11 a.m. or 4-5 p.m. on Oct. 23. Minimum age is 16. Please register at <http://bit.ly/TrickorTreatTrail2015> or contact Lynsie Haag at haagl@bloomington.in.gov or (812) 349-3718. (www.bloomington.in.gov/parks)

Annual Historic Home Tour – Oct. 24

The Bloomington Restorations, Inc. historic home tour will be from 12-5 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 24. Docent-volunteers greet tour-goers and check tickets at the door of the home to which they have been assigned. Volunteers serve from 12- 2:30 p.m. or 2:30-5 p.m. and receive a free ticket to attend the tour. This year's tour features six outstanding "atomic ranches, including one built by Manhattan Project scientists as their home. You will see window walls that open interior rooms into outdoor spaces, a dining table that slides through a wall, original kitchens and bathrooms and distinctive carports. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Sue Speichert at (812) 336-0909 or sue@bloomingtonrestorations.org. (www.bloomingtonrestorations.org)

Holiday Bells - Red Kettle Bell Ringers – Nov. 13-Dec. 24

Sign up for your preferred location and shift now! The Salvation Army places volunteer bell ringers at 21 red kettles in Monroe County. Salvation Army bells ring for 11 hours at each site for six weeks; that's thousands of ringing hours! Many churches, service clubs and families ring already, taking two hour shifts which are very rewarding. No minimum age. Visit www.RegisterToRing.com or contact Peter Iversen at (812) 336-4310 ext.102 or peteriversen@usc.salvationarmy.org. (www.bloomington.salvationarmyindiana.org)

Opportunity House Store

Opportunity House, which is dependent on individuals sharing their time and talents, is a non-profit, volunteer-run resale shop serving the community since 1968. Making a donation of time or goods raises funds for Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM), which provides affordable, high-quality childcare as well as basic needs assistance for those facing a financial crisis. In addition, MCUM's emergency services clients can shop for clothes and household items at no cost. Volunteers sort donations, stock shelves, make minor sewing repairs, and serve as cashiers. Shifts are 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Jill Argenbriht at (812) 360-7049 or argenbri@gmail.com. (www.mcum.org/opportunityhouse)

Horse-Angels Horse Rescue

The Horse-Angels Horse Rescue farm near Spencer is seeking volunteers with the extra drive and love to assist with supporting their 45+ horses. Volunteers go through a certification training before handling the horses, then groom them, lead them for exercise and clean stalls. Volunteers also assist with fundraising, grant writing, photography, stall and building maintenance, construction projects, grounds maintenance, organizing volunteer activities, and assisting with horsemanship clinics. Volunteers meet from 1-4 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of each month; training is provided. Minimum age is 14; 7 if with an adult. If parents make a prior appointment, children age 6 and under may have a tour and pet the horses. Please contact Sue Whitman at (812) 876-4232 or sue@horse-angels.org. (www.horse-angels.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

An all-volunteer organization with a mission to help those in need without regard to race, religion or gender. To grant a wish, contact Scott Alber at (812) 961-1510 or info@bloomingtonsvdp.org (1413 E. 17th St.; www.bloomingtonsvdp.org)

Wishes: The warehouse is almost empty! They need beds, box springs, mattresses, dressers, couches, chairs, end tables, lamps, kitchen tables and chairs, washing machines, clothes dryers (all can be full-size or apartment size), warehouse (5000 sq. ft.)

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or purchase an item or two yourself. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org or call 812-349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

